



# Innovative Schools SUMMIT™

**Earn Contact Hours and Graduate Credit!**

**NASHVILLE** July 25-29, 2026  
Gaylord Opryland Resort

**LAS VEGAS** July 6-10, 2026  
Caesars Palace

**SAN ANTONIO** December 3-6, 2026  
Marriott Rivercenter



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**AT-RISK STUDENTS™  
CONFERENCE**

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The At-Risk Students Conference focuses on evidence-based programs and strategies to prevent dropouts and to help students succeed. More than 2.1 million students in the United States and Canada drop out of high school each year – with males, low-income and minority students disproportionately impacted. While the full impact is not yet known, the Covid Crisis has almost certainly caused rates to increase – after years of steady improvement. This conference provides valuable insights for reaching those students who are most vulnerable, and those whom early studies indicate were most negatively affected by the pandemic.

**Summit Super Bundle**

**Summit + 3 or 4 Pre-Conference Sessions**

**LV** (4 Pre-Cons): Standard \$895

**NASH** (4 Pre-Cons): Pre-Registration \$850 – ends 5/31

**SA** (3 Pre-Cons): Max Saver \$650 – ends 5/31

3+ Attendees: \$25 Discount Each

10+ Attendees: \$50 Discount Each



**INNOVATIVE SCHOOL  
LEADERSHIP  
FORUM**

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Hear from K-12 experts and network with fellow leaders to access successful strategies and practical tips for leading improvement in your school or district. “Leadership is the capacity to transform vision into reality,” according to Warren Bennis, founder of the Leadership Institute at the University of Southern California. Those who work with a variety of schools often say, “Show me a strong school, and I will show you a strong leader.” This conference will help you understand evolving research and current best practices to transform learning environments, improve teacher retention and enhance student outcomes.

**Summit Bundle**

**Summit + 1 or 2 Pre-Conference Sessions**

**LV** (2 Pre-Cons): Standard \$795

**NASH** (2 Pre-Cons): Pre-Registration \$750 – ends 5/31

**SA** (1 Pre-Con): Max Saver \$550 – ends 5/31

3+ Attendees: \$25 Discount Each

10+ Attendees: \$50 Discount Each



**Dr. Tiffany Anderson**

Transformative Superintendent, Called “The Woman Who Made Schools Work for the Poor”



**Weston Kieschnick**

Award-Winning Educator, Bestselling Author & Creator of “Teaching Keating” Podcast



**Michael Bonner**

Inspirational Educator, International Speaker, Author of *Get Up or Give Up*



**Ron Clark**

“America’s Educator,” NYT Bestselling Author of *Move Your Bus*, Disney’s American Teacher of the Year



**Dr. Tracey Sevrns**

Strategist, Author of *Mistakes, MisSteps & Missed Opportunities*



**“Stand Tall Steve” Bollar**

Educational Thought Leader, Master Motivator, Author of *Just Do This*



## INNOVATIVE TEACHING STRATEGIES™ CONFERENCE

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The Innovative Teaching Strategies Conference assembles internationally recognized innovators together with practicing educators and consultants who are currently finding success with promising fresh approaches and research-based methodologies. This event provides an opportunity for teachers, administrators and other educators to learn about new insights and strategies for reaching and teaching students PreK-12. It emphasizes evidence-based and novel instructional practices from national-exemplary programs currently being used in schools. A particular emphasis will be placed on helping student recover from disrupted learning.

### Summit Only

Access to All 5 Conferences

LV: Standard \$695

NASH: Pre-Registration \$650 – ends 5/31

SA (1 Pre-Con): Max Saver \$495 – ends 5/31

3+ Attendees: \$25 Discount Each

10+ Attendees: \$50 Discount Each



## SCHOOL DISCIPLINE™ CONFERENCE

NASHVILLE

The discussion around school discipline can be polarizing. On one hand, advocacy groups and those committed to fairness are rightly disturbed that minority students are often expelled at three to four times the rate of their white peers. On the other hand, teachers and parents are deeply concerned about creating an out-of-control, even unsafe, environment where students can do as they please – without any real concern for consequences. But almost everyone agrees that students need to be in class in order to succeed academically, and that suspensions and expulsions should be as rare as possible. And almost everyone agrees that student and educator safety should be top priority.

### Earn Grad Credit

3 Hours Transferable Grad Credit thru Wichita State University or Mount Vernon Nazarene University.

Requirements: Attend a Summit, View 10 Master Classes, Write a 5-Page Paper with Lesson Plan.

Cost: \$195 (\$65 per Credit Hour)



**Dr. John Almarode**

Bestselling Author, Expert on the Science of Learning, Professor of Education at James Madison University



**Jewelisa Blanks**

Innovator in Sensory-Informed Education, Founder of Gifts of Joy



**“Ranger Nick” Fuhrman**

Professor, Expert on Student Engagement & Using Live Animals as Teaching Tools



**Brad Chapin**

Popular Author, Leading Authority on Self-Regulation



**Larry Thompson**

Supportive Discipline Innovator, Creator of Responsibility-Centered Discipline



**Hotep Benzo**

Education Success Strategist & Creator of MAKE A WAY Program



## WIRED DIFFERENTLY TRAUMA-INFORMED™ SCHOOLS CONFERENCE

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This conference offers a wide array of critical insights and best practices for reaching and teaching students with a variety of emotional and behavioral challenges – especially trauma, adverse childhood experiences (ACEs) and PTSD. With 1 in 5 students diagnosable for a behavioral or emotional disorder and 1 in 4 students affected by 2 or more ACEs, every classroom is impacted. Principals and other administrators, general ed teachers, special ed teachers, resource teachers, interventionists and paraprofessionals will benefit from tools, recommendations and strategies for working with this often high-potential portion of the student population.

### Main Stage Virtual Pass

Includes live 3-camera video feed from most Main Stage Sessions in Las Vegas and Nashville.

LV: Standard \$295

NASH: Advance \$250 – ends 5/31

SA: Not Available

3+ Attendees: \$25 Discount Each

10+ Attendees: \$50 Discount Each



## SCHOOL CLIMATE & CULTURE™ FORUM

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Scholars struggle to define and distinguish the terms, but educators agree on the need to transform both “climate” and “culture” to improve academic outcomes. This event highlights practical, real-world initiatives that are successfully transforming the character and personality of schools with particular focus on serving the needs of all students. It showcases programs, assessments and tools proven to improve school culture and climate. Evidence-based and research-based interventions will be introduced, while the forum also highlights high-potential efforts currently being implemented in everyday school life.

### Register Now!



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#### Jere “MsChang” Chang

Elementary Gifted Education Teacher, Public Speaker and Social Media Sensation



#### Dr. Shaun Woodly

Urban Education Consultant, Speaker, Author of *MC Means Move the Class*



#### Brian Mendler

Expert on Working with Disruptive Students, Author of *That One Kid*, Co-Author of *Discipline With Dignity*



#### Dr. Todd Whitaker

Inspiring Speaker & Author of 60 Books Including *What Great Teachers Do Differently*



#### Gerry Brooks

YouTube Sensation & Real-World Educator, Author of *Go See the Principal*



#### Robert Jackson

International Speaker, Publisher, Award-Winning Author of *Becoming the Educator They Need*

# Innovative Schools Summits Are Perfect for Bringing Your Entire Team!

**MULTIPLE CONFERENCES:** With 5-8 conferences at each Summit, there is something for every member of your team.

**EARN CONTACT HOURS:** Earn up to 26 contact hours when you attend a Summit plus pre-conference sessions.

**EARN GRAD CREDIT:** Attend a Summit and earn 3 transferable grad hours through Wichita State or Mount Vernon Nazarene.

**ATTENDEES LOVE ISS:** In 2025 Summit attendees rated their experience an average of 4.8 on a scale of 5.



**Ben Talsma**  
Advocate for Unconventional Approaches, Innovator in Using AI in the Classroom



**Katie Kinder**  
International Speaker, Award-Winning Author



**Amy Schumacher-Rutherford**  
Communication Professor, Teaches Nationally on Embracing AI in the Classroom

## AiTechForum.ai



AI/TECH FOR SCHOOLS<sup>®</sup> FORUM

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The AI/Tech for Schools Forum is the perfect opportunity to discover how the latest technology can transform your classroom, school and district. Experts will provide educators with the knowledge and practical tools to integrate AI and other tech into your teaching, making learning more personal and boosting student engagement. Connect with fellow administrators and teachers, explore innovative strategies and be inspired to create a more engaging learning environment for your students.



**Dr. John Almarode**  
Bestselling Author, Expert on the Science of Learning



**Megan Diede**  
Co-Founder of IntegratEd, Blogger, Co-Author of *ElevatEd Educator*



**James O'Neal**  
Math Consultant, Founder of Mastery for All

## ReadingSymposium.com



SCIENCE OF READING & MATH<sup>®</sup> SYMPOSIUM

LAS VEGAS

The Science of Reading & Math Symposium brings together educators who are passionate about improving student outcomes in the critical areas of literacy and mathematics. This event focuses on research-backed strategies that actually work in real classrooms, helping teachers apply the latest findings in cognitive science to literacy and math instruction. Experts will explore how the brain processes reading comprehension and mathematical concepts, providing practical insights and strategies that can be implemented immediately.



**Dr. Ronald Gonzalez**  
Distinguished Administrator, International Speaker, Evaluator/Coach



**Consuelo Kickbusch, LTC**  
Community Leader, Retired U.S. Army Officer Who Grew Up in a South Texas Barrio



**Ernesto Mejia**  
Son of Immigrants, Speaks to Students & Educators about the American Dream: Education

## ELLConference.com



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Truly effective schools not only help students pass their academic exams and state-mandated tests, but also prepare those students to pass the tests of life. Ironically, research shows that helping young people manage their emotions and build positive relationships not only prepares them for “real life,” but also helps them succeed academically. The Social-Emotional Learning Forum focuses on research-based and classroom-originated interventions, lessons and curriculums that help students manage their emotions, achieve goals, express heart-felt empathy for others, maintain positive relationships and make successful personal decisions.



**Dr. Carolyn Stone**  
Long-time ASCA Ethics Chair & Legal Expert



**Molly Hudgens**  
School Counselor Who Prevented a Mass Shooting, Medal of Honor Recipient



**Barbara Coloroso**  
International Speaker, Best-selling Author of *kids are worth it!* and *Mistakes, Mischief & Mayhem*

## InnovativeCounselors.com



INNOVATIVE COUNSELING STRATEGIES™ CONFERENCE

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The Innovative Counseling Strategies Conference features best practices from real educators serving in the trenches supporting students, as well as mental health experts. Some programs are research-tested, while others are promising, innovative approaches created by practicing professionals to help them better connect with students. Student support professionals will learn strategies to address challenges such as collaborating with parents and families, mental health, legal and ethical considerations, school administration unity, social justice and Tier 3 interventions.



**Dr. Michele Borba**  
Best-Selling Author, Parenting & Child Expert



**Dr. Brian Dinkins**  
Expert on Emotional Intelligence



**Steph Jensen**  
International Speaker, Consultant on Engaging Boys & Unlocking Student Potential

## SocialEmotionalForum.com



SOCIAL-EMOTIONAL LEARNING™ FORUM

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**Contact Hours** AccuTrain is an Approved Continuing Education Provider by the National Board of Certified Counselors (ACEP™ #5602).

**Summit Super Bundle:** Up to 26 hours | **Summit Bundle:** Up to 20 hours | **Summit Only/Main Stage Virtual:** Up to 14 hours

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